

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

**Routine Proceedings, pages S2135–S2171**

**Measures Introduced:** Ten bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 4081–4090, and S. Res. 595. **Pages S2153–54**

**Measures Passed:**

***Veterans Rapid Retraining Assistance Program:*** Senate passed S. 4089, to restore entitlement to educational assistance under Veterans Rapid Retraining Program in cases of a closure of an educational institution or a disapproval of a program of education. **Page S2170**

***Honoring the Life of Madeleine K. Albright:*** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 585, honoring the life, achievements, and legacy of the Honorable Madeleine K. Albright, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2170**

***National Osteopathic Medicine Week:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 595, designating the week of April 18 through April 24, 2022, as “National Osteopathic Medicine Week”. **Page S2170**

***Authorizing the Use of the Capitol Grounds:*** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 74, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition. **Page S2170**

**Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Printing—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking from the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights be printed in the RECORD. **Pages S2157–69**

**Cook Nomination:** By 47 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. EX. 137), Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the nomination of Lisa DeNell Cook, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. **Pages S2143–45**

Senator Schumer entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the nomination. **Pages S2143–45**

**Bedoya Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Alvaro M. Bedoya, of Maryland, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, be withdrawn. **Pages S2143–45**

**Garnett Nomination—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Sherilyn Peace Garnett, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California. **Pages S2145–50**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 2 p.m., on Wednesday, April 27, 2022; and that the motions to invoke cloture filed during the session of Monday, April 25, 2022, ripen at 3:30 p.m., on Wednesday, April 27, 2022. **Pages S2170–71**

**Gomez Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Lisa M. Gomez, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, be withdrawn. **Pages S2145–50**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 52 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 136), Lael Brainard, of the District of Columbia, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of four years. **Pages S2135–42, S2142–43**

**Nomination Received:** Senate received the following nomination:

Bridget A. Brink, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to Ukraine. **Page S2171**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S2152**

**Measures Read the First Time:** **Pages S2152, S2169–70**

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**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S2156–57**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S2151–52**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet: Page S2157**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—137) **Pages S2142–43**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:38 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S .)

## *Committee Meetings*

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### **LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY LEGISLATION**

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 4030, to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to establish a cattle contract library, and S. 3870, to establish the Office of the Special Investigator for Competition Matters within the Department of Agriculture, after receiving testimony from Andy Green, Senior Advisor on Fair and Competitive Markets, and Bruce Summers, Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, both of the Department of Agriculture; William R. Ruffin, Ruffin Farms, Bay Springs, Mississippi, on behalf of the United States Cattlemen's Association; Shawn Tiffany, Tiffany Cattle Company, Herington, Kansas, on behalf of the Kansas Livestock Association; Shelly Ziesch, Ziesch Ranch, Jamestown, North Dakota, on behalf of the National Farmers Union; and Stephen R. Koontz, Colorado State University Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Fort Collins.

### **APPROPRIATIONS: DOJ**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from Merrick B. Garland, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

### **APPROPRIATIONS: MDA**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense concluded a closed hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Missile Defense Agency, after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral Jon A. Hill, Director, Missile Defense Agency, Department of Defense.

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported 1,652 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force.

### **DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the health of the defense industrial base, after receiving testimony from Ellen M. Lord, former Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment; and David J. Berteau, Professional Services Council, Arlington, Virginia.

### **NAVY AND MARINE CORPS INVESTMENT PROGRAMS**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Seapower concluded a hearing to examine Navy and Marine Corps investment programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2023 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Frederick J. Stefany, Principal Civilian Deputy, Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development, and Acquisition), performing the duties of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development, and Acquisition), Vice Admiral Scott Conn, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Warfighting Requirements and Capabilities (OPNAV N9), and Lieutenant General Karsten S. Heckl, Deputy Commandant, Combat Development and Integration, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, all of the Department of Defense.

### **CFPB SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT**

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's Semi-Annual Report to Congress, including, S. 3441, to amend the Community Development Banking and Financial Institutions Act of 1994 to reauthorize and improve the community development financial institutions bond guarantee program, S. 2315, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a program to provide health care coverage to low-income adults in States that have not expanded Medicaid, and S. 2145, to ensure that irresponsible corporate executives, rather than shareholders, pay fines and penalties, after receiving testimony from Rohit Chopra, Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

### **CHILD CARE**

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine child care and other policy tools to combat bottlenecks and inflation, after receiving testimony from William E. Spriggs, AFL-CIO, Washington, D.C.; Melissa Colagrosso, A Place To Grow Children's Center, Oak Hill, West Virginia; Kathleen Sgamma, Western Energy Alliance, Denver, Colorado; Brian Riedl, The Manhattan Institute for

Policy Research, New York, New York; and Walt Rowen, Small Business for America's Future, Columbia, Pennsylvania.

## DEPARTMENT OF STATE BUDGET

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2023 for the Department of State, focusing on American diplomacy and global leadership, after receiving testimony from Antony J. Blinken, Secretary of State.

## MILITARY FAMILIES

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine mistreatment of military families in privatized housing, after receiving testimony from Captain Samuel Choe, USA, Fort Gordon Army Base, and Technical Sergeant Jack Fe Torres, USAF, Sheppard Air Force Base, both of the Department of Defense; Rachel Christian, Armed Forces Housing Advocates, Holland, Pennsylvania; Richard Taylor, and Paula Cook, both of Balfour

Beatty Communities, LLC, Malvern, Pennsylvania; and Jana Wanner, Grovetown, Georgia.

## FDA USER FEE AGREEMENTS

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Food and Drug Administration user fee agreements, focusing on advancing medical product regulation and innovation for the benefit of patients and Food and Drug Administration Center Directors, after receiving testimony from Patrizia Cavazzoni, Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Peter Marks, Director, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, and Jeffrey E. Shuren, Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, all of the Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

## INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 22 public bills, H.R. 7572–7593; 2 private bills, H. Res. 1063–1064, were introduced. **Pages H4509–10**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H4511**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Johnson (GA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4461**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*Small Business Development Centers Improvement Act of 2022:* H.R. 6445, to amend the Small Business Act to require an annual report on entrepreneurial development programs; **Pages H4463–65**

*Women's Business Centers Improvement Act of 2022:* H.R. 6441, to amend the Small Business Act to improve the women's business center program; **Pages H4465–70**

*SCORE for Small Business Act of 2022:* H.R. 6450, to amend the Small Business Act to reauthorize the SCORE program; **Pages H4470–73**

*One Stop Shop for Small Business Compliance Act:* H.R. 4877, to amend the Small Business Act to require the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman to create a centralized website for compliance guides; **Pages H4473–74**

*Small Business Advocacy Improvements Act of 2022:* H.R. 6454, to clarify the primary functions and duties of the Office of Advocacy of the Small Business Administration; **Pages H4474–75**

*Brown v. Board of Education National Historical Park Expansion and Redesignation Act:* S. 270, to amend the Act entitled "Act to provide for the establishment of the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site in the State of Kansas, and for other purposes" to provide for inclusion of additional related sites in the National Park System; **Pages H4475–77**

*Highlands Conservation Reauthorization Act:* H.R. 2793, to reauthorize the Highlands Conservation Act, to authorize States to use funds from that Act for administrative purposes; **Pages H4477–79**

*Commission To Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of Asian Pacific American History and Culture Act:* H.R. 3525, amended, to establish the Commission to Study the Potential

Creation of a National Museum of Asian Pacific American History and Culture; **Pages H4479–82**

**Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Reauthorization Act:** H.R. 5973, amended, to reauthorize the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act of 1990; **Pages H4482–83**

**Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Reauthorization Act:** H.R. 6023, amended, to require the United States Postal Service to continue selling the Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp until all remaining stamps are sold; **Pages H4483–84**

**National Liberty Memorial Preservation Act:** H.R. 6201, amended, to extend the authority for the establishment of a commemorative work to honor enslaved and free Black persons who served in the American Revolution; **Pages H4484–85**

**Alaska Salmon Research Task Force Act:** H.R. 6651, to establish an Alaska Salmon Research Task Force; **Pages H4485–86**

**American Fisheries Advisory Committee Act:** S. 497, to establish the American Fisheries Advisory Committee to assist in the awarding of fisheries research and development grants, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 404 yeas to 11 nays, Roll No. 126; and **Pages H4486–88, H4489–90**

**Providing for the conveyance of certain property to the Tanana Tribal Council located in Tanana, Alaska:** H.R. 441, amended, to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Tanana Tribal Council located in Tanana, Alaska; **Pages H4488–89**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Tanana Tribal Council located in Tanana, Alaska, the conveyance of certain property to the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium located in Sitka, Alaska, and the conveyance of certain property to the Alaskan Native Tribal Health Consortium located in Anchorage, Alaska, and for other purposes.”. **Page H4489**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 4:22 p.m. and reconvened at 6:31 p.m. **Page H4489**

**Discharge Petition:** Representative Banks presented to the Clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on Education and Labor from the consideration of the bill, H.R. 426, to provide that for purposes of determining compliance with title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 in athletics, sex shall be recognized based solely on a person’s reproductive biology and genetics at birth, which was referred to said committee January 21st, 2021 (Discharge Petition No. 13).

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yeas-and-nays vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on pages H4489–90.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### NEXT STEPS: EXAMINING PLANS FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD MODERNIZATION PROGRAM

**Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:** Subcommittee on Technology Modernization held a hearing entitled “Next Steps: Examining Plans for the Continuation of the Department of Veterans Affairs Electronic Health Record Modernization Program”. Testimony was heard from David Case, Deputy Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; Terry Adirim, Program Executive Director, Electronic Health Record Modernization Integration Office, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2022

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Department of State, 2 p.m., SD–192.

**Committee on Armed Services:** Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine United States Special Operations Command’s efforts to sustain the readiness of special operations forces and transform the force for future security challenges, 2:30 p.m., SR–232A.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine military and civilian personnel programs in the Department of Defense in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2023 and the Future Years Defense Program, 3 p.m., SR–222.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Energy’s atomic energy defense activities and Department of Defense nuclear weapons programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2023 and the Future Years Defense Program, 4:30 p.m., SD–G50.

**Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:** to hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget

request for fiscal year 2023 for the Department of Commerce, 9:30 a.m., SR–253.

*Committee on Foreign Relations*: to receive a closed briefing on recent developments in China's nuclear capabilities, 2:30 p.m., SVC–217.

*Committee on the Judiciary*: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Nancy G. Abudu, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, Julianna Michelle Childs, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Nusrat Jahan Choudhury, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Ana Isabel de Alba, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, and Natasha C. Merle, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, 10 a.m., SD–226.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship*: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Small Business Administration, 2:30 p.m., SR–428A.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*: to hold hearings to examine pending nominations, 3 p.m., SR–418.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "An Examination of Price Discrepancies, Transparency, and Alleged Unfair Practices in Cattle Markets", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth and Zoom.

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Defense, budget hearing on the National Security Agency and U.S. Cyber Command, 10:30 a.m., H–405 Capitol. This hearing is closed.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, budget hearing on the Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn and Zoom.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, budget hearing on the Library of Congress, 10 a.m., Zoom.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, budget hearing on the Government Publishing Office, 11 a.m., Zoom.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the U.S. Forest Service, 2 p.m., Zoom.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, budget hearing on the Architect of the Capitol, 2 p.m., Zoom.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "Meeting Veterans' Full Needs: Update on Women's Health, Mental Health, Homelessness, and Other Programs", 2 p.m., 2358–A Rayburn and Zoom.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation, 2:30 p.m., 2362–B Rayburn and Zoom.

*Committee on Armed Services*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Department of the Air Force Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Request", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Landforce, hearing entitled "Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Request of the Department of Defense for Fixed-Wing Tactical and Training Aircraft Programs", 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing entitled "Department of the Navy Fiscal Year

2023 Budget Request for Seapower and Projection Forces", 4:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

*Committee on the Budget*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Department of Defense FY 2023 Budget", 10:30 a.m., 210 Cannon and Zoom.

*Committee on Education and Labor*, Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Human Services, hearing entitled "Examining the Policies and Priorities of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs", 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn and Zoom.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "The Fiscal Year 2023 HHS Budget", 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn and Webex.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Consumers First: Semi-Annual Report of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn and Webex.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Global Human Rights, hearing entitled "Understanding the African Continental Free Trade Area and How the U.S. Can Promote its Success", 11 a.m., Webex.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "A Review of the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Request for the Department of Homeland Security", 2 p.m., 310 Cannon and Webex.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing entitled "Oversight of Federal Efforts to Combat Human Trafficking", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn and Zoom.

Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, hearing entitled "Building Confidence in the Supreme Court Through Ethics and Recusal Reforms", 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn and Zoom.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States, hearing on H.R. 437, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to exclude certain payments to Alaska Native elders for determining eligibility for certain programs, and for other purposes; H.R. 6063, to provide for the equitable settlement of certain Indian land disputes regarding land in Illinois, and for other purposes; H.R. 6181, the "Samish Indian Nation Land Reaffirmation Act"; S. 314, the "Klamath Tribe Judgment Fund Repeal Act"; S. 559, to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act, and for other purposes; and S. 789, the "Repealing Existing Substandard Provisions Encouraging Conciliation with Tribes Act", 1 p.m., Webex.

*Committee on Oversight and Reform*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "McKinsey and Company's Conduct and Conflicts at the Heart of the Opioid Epidemic", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn and Zoom.

*Committee on Rules*, Full Committee, hearing on S. 3522, the "Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act of 2022", 2 p.m., H–313 Capitol and Webex.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled "Science and Energy Research Infrastructure Needs of the U.S. Department of Energy", 11 a.m., 2318 Rayburn and Zoom.

*Committee on Small Business*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Small Business Administration’s FY 2023 Budget”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn and Zoom.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled “Review of Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Request for the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Programs”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn and Zoom.

Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing entitled “Examining Workforce Development and Job Creation in Surface Transportation Construction”, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn and Zoom.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs; and Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint hearing entitled “At What Cost?—Ensuring Quality Representation in the Veteran Benefit Claims Process”, 2 p.m., HVC–210 and Zoom.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee*: to hold hearings to examine investments today for a more competitive tomorrow, focusing on building on a strong foundation, 2:30 p.m., WEBEX.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

2 p.m., Wednesday, April 27

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Wednesday, April 27

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Sherilyn Peace Garnett, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 3:30 p.m.

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of measures under suspension of the Rules.

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